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REMARKS

Status of Application

Claims 1-37 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-37 have been elected.

No new matter has been introduced.

In the Restriction Requirement mailed March 18, 2003, the Examiner requires the Applicant to elect one of 6 species that the Examiner identifies as respectively corresponding to Figures 2, 4, 5, 7a, 7b, and 7c. The Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement, and provisionally elects species III, Figure 5. All of the claims 1-37 apply to this species, and all of the claims 1-37 likewise apply to each of the species identified by the Examiner.

The Examiner correctly notes that various alternative systems are described in connection Figures 2 through 7c. However, the Applicant respectfully points out that the pending claims 1-37 are directed to subject matter related to the discussion of field-based video compression techniques described in connection with Figures 8 through 15. Indeed, the application itself expressly notes that "[t]he field-based video compression techniques described with respect to Figures 8 through 15 may be employed in any of the systems described with respect to Figures 2 through 7c." Page 32, Lines 6-10.

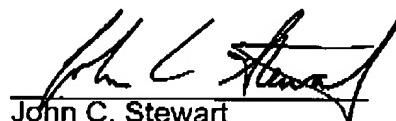
Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the restriction requirement and issue an office action on the merits as soon as possible.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 425-896-6164.

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